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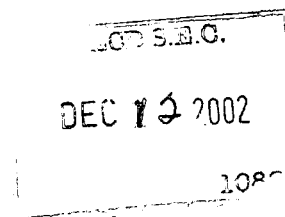
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Mr. Brian Johnson
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

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The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, NEW YORK COMMUNITY BANCORP, INC., Common Shares, \$0.01 par value per share and the related Preferred Stock Purchase Rights and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on December 12, 2002. Tentative listing date – December 20, 2002.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Parag Mehta".